

Chicagoan Named To Probe Riots

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WASHINGTON —A 41-year-old Chicagoan, formerly a key operative in the Central Intelligence Agency, was named Friday as director of investigations for the anti-riot commission.

Gov. Kerner, commission chairman, announced that Milan C. Miskovsky will "supervise independent inquiries into whether there has been planning or conspiracy in civil disorders."

It was learned that Miskovsky played a leading role in the CIA's successful efforts to free the Cuban Bay of Pigs prisoners and to exchange Soviet spy Rudolph I. Abel for U-2 pilot Francis Gary Powers in 1962.

No Evidence As Yet

As yet, Kerner told a press conference, "no evidence" has been found of any conspiracy but the commission has "not rejected the possibility."

Nor was there any information, the governor added, that adults were behind teen-agers who played a central role in the rioting last summer.

Kerner said the commission was hoping to make "short term" recommendations to President Johnson before Jan.

Lack of jobs major riot cause, columnist Roscoe Drummond declares. Page 24.

1, two months ahead of the deadline for an interim report. It was understood that Dec. 15 has been set as a target date.

Kerner also said the final report may be submitted in May or June rather than on July 29, the deadline originally set by the President.

Interim Report

The governor declined to disclose the details of the interim report but indicated it would propose greater involvement of private industry, universities and state and local government in helping to prevent riots.

Kerner said investigation thus far revealed that jobs, housing and education were the principal needs of ghetto citizens.

He also reported a "feeling of deep inferiority" on the part of Negroes and cited it as a major factor in provoking disorder.

He said the white community was largely unaware of the problem and did not know how "deep and sensitive the feelings run."

Nevertheless, he insisted that neither he nor other commission members have had difficulty in communication with young Negroes. Critics have contended that the absence of militant Negroes on the commission or staff has impeded a frank flow of ideas.

Co-ordinating Role

In addition to investigating the possibility of conspiracy, Miskovsky will co-ordinate the commission's work with that of the federal, state and local law enforcement agencies.

Miskovsky served with the CIA from 1951 to 1964. He was the agency's assistant general counsel from 1961 to 1964 and worked on the Powers-Abel and Bay of Pigs cases in that capacity.

He was awarded the CIA's Certificate of Merit in 1962 and its Medal of Merit in 1964.

Subsequently, he acted as solicitor for the Federal Maritime Commission and then as legal adviser to the assistant secretary of the Treasury for international affairs.

Miskovsky was born in Chicago and earned his B.A. and master's degrees at the University of Michigan and his law

degree at George Washington University. He lives in Washington with his wife and six children.